

HOUSE BILL No. 1205

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-10.1-4.

Synopsis: Mandatory local and state government class. Requires all public high schools to provide instruction in local and state government. Provides that an individual may not receive a diploma from a public high school unless the individual completes a one semester course in local and state government.

Effective: July 1, 2004.

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January 13, 2004, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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Second Regular Session 113th General Assembly (2004)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2003 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 20-10.1-4-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 3. ~~System of~~
3 ~~Government; American History~~: (a) Each public and nonpublic school
4 shall provide within the two (2) weeks preceding each general election
5 for all students in each of grades six (6) through twelve (12) five (5)
6 full recitation periods of class discussion concerning the system of
7 government in Indiana and in the United States, methods of voting,
8 party structures, election laws, and the responsibilities of citizen
9 participation in government and in elections.
10 (b) ~~No one~~ **An individual** may **not** receive a high school diploma
11 unless ~~he~~ **the individual** has completed a two (2) semester course in
12 American history.
13 (c) **An individual may not receive a high school diploma from a**
14 **public school unless the individual has completed a one (1)**
15 **semester course in local and state government.**
16 (d) If a public school superintendent violates this section, the state
17 superintendent shall receive and record reports of the violations, and

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the general assembly may examine these reports.

SECTION 2. IC 20-10.1-4-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 5. Each school corporation shall include in its curriculum the following studies:

(1) Language arts, including English, grammar, composition, speech, and second languages.

(2) Mathematics.

(3) Social studies and citizenship, including the constitutions, **the Indiana and the United States** governmental systems, and histories of Indiana and the United States.

(4) Sciences.

(5) Fine arts, including music and art.

(6) Health education, physical fitness, safety, and the effects of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and other substances on the human body.

(7) Additional studies selected by each governing body, subject to revision by the state board of education.

SECTION 3. IC 20-10.1-4-14.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: **Sec. 14.5. (a) Each public high school shall teach a course in local and state government.**

(b) A course taught under this section must be at least one (1) full semester in length.

(c) The state board of education shall prepare a guide for courses taught under this section. The teacher of a course taught under this section shall use the guide prepared under this subsection. The guide may be revised under the direction of the state board of education.

(d) The state board of education shall, under IC 20-10.1-9, adopt textbooks or other materials for courses taught under this section.

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